

- Site Based Leadership Team – One of the critical components to the success of the community schools’ model is ensuring that there is deep and broad engagement and participation from stakeholders, including parents, community members, student and school staff. This group works collaborates deeply with the Community Schools Coordinator. H.106 as introduced had language about reflective on this. We believe that H.106 can be strengthened by adding language about a site-based leadership team into the bill. There are two places it should be included:
 - o Sec. 3 (a) – Definitions. We would recommend using language similar New Mexico’s community schools law passed in 2019 that reads ““site-based leadership team" means an interdisciplinary, school-based leadership team that includes the school principal, the community school coordinator, teachers, other school employees, families, community partners, tribal partners, nonprofit organizations, unions and neighboring community residents that guides collaborative planning, implementation and oversight;
 - o Sec 3 (d) 1 & 2 – Use of grant funding. Language should be added to make it clear that the community schools coordinator will do this work in collaboration with the “site-based leadership team” in both the development and execution of the community schools’ pilot.
- Needs and Asset Assessment – Community schools look different in every community because the needs of every community are different. Grounding the work in a needs and asset assessment is critical. Since this is so critical to the success, we believe there should be some additional clarity in the bill about this assessment.
 - o Outline the key components of the needs assessment – H.106 as introduced had comprehensive language about what goes into the needs assessment. While it may not need to be as comprehensive as outlined in the bill as introduced, some key components should be outlined.
 - o Sec. 3 (d)1 – The needs and assets assessment should be added. Even if a schools is building upon prior work, a needs and asset assessment done in collaboration with the site based leadership team should happen.

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